Balakrishnan Tampi said, this is a very serious problem and we have to increase the out-turn of food crops. There is no intention of making any profit out of this business.

The motion was put and declared carried. The grant was made.

Legislative Business.

THE TRAVANCORE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill as passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly be taken into consideration.

Mr. R. Rama Varier: I second the motion.

The question that the Travancore Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill be taken into consideration was put and carried.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: No notice of any amendment has been received and therefore the clauses of the Bill may be put to the vote of the House.

Clauses 1 to 5.

The question that Clauses 1 to 5 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried. Clauses 1 to 5 were added to the Bill.

Title and Preamble.

The question that the Title and the Preamble do stand part of the Bill was put and carried. The Title and the Preamble were added to the Bill.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: I beg to move that the Travancore Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill be passed.

Mr. R. Rama Varier: I second the motion.

The question that the Bill be passed was put and carried. The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE MERCHANDISE MARKS BILL.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: I beg to move that the Travancore Merchandise Marks Bill, as passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly, be taken into consideration.

Mr. R. Rama Varier: I second the motion.

The question that the Bill be taken into consideration was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 25.

The question that Clauses 1 to 25 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried. Clauses 1 to 25 were added to the Bill.

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Title and Preamble

The question that the Title and the Preamble do stand part of the Bill was put and carried. The Title and the Preamble were added to the Bill.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: I beg to move that the Travancore Merchandise Marks Bill be passed.

Mr. R. Rama Varier: I second the motion.

The question that the Bill be passed was put and carried. The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE POISONS BILL.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, I rise to introduce the Travancore Poisons Bill and move that the Bill be read in Council. I may here draw the attention of the honourable members of this House to the statement of objects and reasons appended to the Bill. It will be found that a very large number of substances which are injurious to men have been brought under direct control. Take for instance, explosives, articles falling under the Excise Act, articles falling within the category of military stores and ever so many other articles. These, when considered with reference to the safety of mankind, must be said to be harmful to a degree, but if we look into the statute book we will not find a single enactment which empowers the Government to have any control over the sale or disposal of poisonous substances. We have very deadly poisonous substances in the State, as for instance, arsenic. That is a substance which is being regularly sold in the market by all persons or by any person who chooses to do so, without even obtaining a licence; and Government themselves are not in a position to ascertain which is the person who is in possession of arsenic, how much quantity he has got in store, how he sells, to whom he is selling—all these matters it is now impossible to ascertain. There was a similar lacuna in the statute law of British India. There it was remedied I think some 20 or 25 years ago. But the difficulty in making a statute law regulating the possession and sale of poisonous substances is very great. There are ever so many poisonous herbs which grow in abundance in Travancore and many other parts of India. It is reported that very potent poisons can be manufactured or can be extracted from such herbs and it will not be possible therefore to enumerate the kinds of poisonous substances which we propose to deal within the Bill itself. Therefore it is so framed as to empower the Government by rules to regulate the possession, sale, transport, import, etc., of all these poisonous substances. It is no doubt somewhat vaguely or widely worded, but it is inevitable under the present circumstances.

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